

VA GROUND WATER PROTECTION STEERING COMMITTEE

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The next meeting of the Steering Committee will be held on

Tuesday, July 17, 2007 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

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Meeting Summary: Tuesday, May 15, 2007

Steering Committee members in attendance:

Mary Ann Massie, Department of Environmental Quality, Water Resources Div.

Erich Weissbart, Department of Environmental Quality, Waste Division

Shanee Harmon, Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

Steve Pellei, Department of Health

Julie Jordan, Virginia Tech/Cooperative Extension

Jim McKean, Department of Business Assistance

Grier Mills, Department of General Services/Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services

George Harlow, US Geological Survey

Wyatt Little, Department of Housing and Community Development

Guests:

Liza Fleeson, Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Office of Pesticide Services

Steve Werner, Draper Aden

Kathy Jones, City of Richmond

Curtis Consolvo, GeoResources, Inc.

Agencies not in attendance:

Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation and the Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals, and Energy.

Liza Fleeson with the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Office of Pesticide Services gave an excellent historical perspective on pesticide regulation development at the Federal and State level. Her presentation also covered certification, licensure, registration, training and enforcement. She pointed out the importance of understanding the pesticide label as we all embraced the message of the day - "The label is the law". Liza highlighted VDACS very successful environmental programs – Pesticide Disposal and Plastic Pesticide Container Recycling. These programs are offered at no cost to participants and have been instrumental in removing potential contaminant sources from the environment. To date 1.3 million pounds of pesticides have

been collected and 745,000 containers recycled. For more information on these programs visit www.vdacs.virginia.gov/pesticides/ or call Liza at 804-371-6558.

AGENCY UPDATES:

Department of Environmental Quality

Mary Ann Massie, Water Resources Division, is developing the FFY08 workplan for the Clean Water Act Section 106 Ground Water Protection Grant. This will be part of a three year Performance Partnership Grant. Mary Ann will work with VDH this summer to issue a third wellhead protection implementation "Request For Proposals".

Erich Weissbart, DEQ Waste Division, reported the following for the Office of Hazardous Waste:

Upon re-organization of the Waste Division in late 2006, Debra Miller became the Director of the Office of Solid Waste. The position Howard Freeland occupied prior to his retirement (Manager of the groundwater section of the Waste Division) was replaced by a Team Leader position in the Office of Hazardous Waste. The solid waste groundwater staff were overseen by Geoff Christe who filled a Team Leader position on an Interim basis for 6 months in the Office of Solid Waste. With the regionalization of the Solid Waste groundwater program, on May 1, 2007, Geoff Christe became the Groundwater Program Coordinator for the Office of Solid Waste, and the regional Waste Program Managers were given direct oversight of the solid waste groundwater staff.

Jutta Schneider has accepted the position of Hazardous Waste Groundwater Team Leader in the Office of Hazardous Waste. She will supervise and manage the day to day activities of the team in support of groundwater-related permitting and site-wide RCRA Corrective Action activities.

Department of Agriculture and Consumers Services

Nothing additional following Liza's presentation.

US Geological Survey

George Harlow reports the following USGS Publications have been prepared in cooperation with the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission and the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality:

Professional Paper 1731 The Virginia Coastal Plain Hydrogeologic Framework
The report is available on line at <http://pubs.usgs.gov/pp/2006/1731/>

Department of Business Assistance

Jim McKean noted this week is Virginia Business Appreciation Week. 50 events are planned throughout the Commonwealth.

Department of General Services, Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services

Grier Mills reported they are very busy with seasonal sampling. Grier fielded questions about fees and funding sources to cover analysis.

Department of Health

Steve Pellei noted they are hoping to advertise their source water protection and RLF vacancies this summer. They have established a committee to develop implementation plans for the new Ground Water Rule.

Virginia Cooperative Extension

Julie Jordan participated via conference call. Julie noted that Brian Benham continues his efforts to revitalize the Household Water Quality Education program and initiate a Master Well Owners Network (MWON). The first meeting with extension agents for MWON will be held in Richmond on June 12. For more information contact Brian Benham at brbenham@vt.edu

Department of Housing and Community Development

Wyatt Little provided the following updates on their grant awards:

December 20, 2006 Grant Announcement

1. Community Development Block Grant Awards
 - a. King and Queen County: \$1 million grant award which includes upgrading well and septic systems for 21 homes.
 - b. Town of Gretna: \$1.1 million grant award which includes funding for repair or replacement of 11 failed septic systems as well as the installation of 3,800 linear feet of water line. Seventy-six individuals will be served by these projects.

The Virginia Community Development Block Grant (VCDBG) is a federally-funded grant administered by the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) since 1982. Virginia receives up to \$19 million annually for this "small cities" Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. Currently, 284 localities in Virginia who do not receive CDBG funds directly from the federal government are eligible for VCDBG funding.

March 23, 2007 Grant Announcement

1. Appalachian Regional Commission Area Development Grant Awards:
 - a. Town of Clintwood: \$500,000 for the Longs Fork Sewer Project
 - b. Alleghany County: \$500,000 for the East Alleghany County Wastewater System Improvement Project and Route 727 Bridge Replacement Project

ARC Area Development Grants are dedicated to support infrastructure improvements, entrepreneurship support and workforce development, and Asset-Based Development Initiative (ABD) funds are designed to address

the leveraging of cultural, natural, community, structural, and economic assets.

The meeting adjourned at 11 a.m.

OUR NEXT MEETING IS SET FOR TUESDAY, July 17, 2007.

Valerie Rourke with DEQ's Water Division will give an overview of the draft Water Reclamation and Reuse Regulations. The draft regulations should be out for public comment at that time. Please mark your calendar to attend.